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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN INITIATIVE TO ARRANGE MEETING OF
GOP AND AFRICAN INSURGENTS

REF: LUSAKA 827 (NOTAL)

1. PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT MARK CHONA
CALLED AMBASSADOR TO STATE HOUSE AFTERNOON MAY 7 FOR
SECOND MEETING ON SUBJECT TO SAY MAY 5 MESSAGE OF GENERAL
COSTA GOMES OUT OF LUANDA IMPLYING CEASE FIRE HAD BEEN
HEARD AND UNDERSTOOD BY FRELIMO. WHILE BALL MIGHT NOW
WELL BE IN AFRICAN COURT AND WHILE FREEDOM FIGHTERS DID
NOT DOUBT PORTUGUESE SINCERITY ON CEASE FIRE, THEY STILL
REMAINED UNCERTAIN ABOUT FUTURE GOP INTENTIONS.
THEY BELIEVE FACE-TO-FACE ENCOUNTER IS ONLY WAY OF
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KNOWING ON WHICH SPECIFIC POINTS THEY AGREE, HAVE NO

DIFFERENCES, OR CAN DEFINE DIFFERENCES FOR NEGOTIATION.

2. CHONA SAID FRELIMO LEADERS HAD ASSURED ZAMBIANS THAT ORDERS HAD BEEN ISSUED TO HOLD OFF ON ALL FURTHER MILITARY ACTION BUT IT MIGHT BE SOME DAYS BEFORE MESSAGE REACHES ALL SCATTERED LIBERATION FORCES IN FIELD. MEANWHILE, LEADERS OF MOVEMENTS ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO WHAT COASTA GOMES MEANS BY "TAKING ADVANTAGE OF NEW POSSIBILITIES OF LIBERAL ATMOSPHERE...IN PORTUGAL." THEY WONDER, CHONA SAID, IF THEY HAVE RIGHT OF FREE ASSEMBLY IN MOZAMBIQUE AND CAN ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY WITHOUT FEAR OF RISKING ARREST. CHONA INSISTED FRELIMO AT LEAST IS WILLING TO "LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS AND DEMOCRATICALLY COME TO FIGHT WITH WORDS," BUT THEY FEEL AN "AUTHENTIC, AUTHORITATIVE, AND PRIVATE INVITATION" TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IS NEEDED RATHER THAN PUBLIC DIALOGUE WHICH LACKS CLARITY AND FOCUS AND LEAVES MANY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED.

3. SAID FOREIGN MINISTER VERNON MWAANGA WILL BE TALKING FROM 10-POINT ZAMBIAN FRAMEWORK (LUSAKA 827) AT CURRENT DAR MEETING OF TANZANIA, ZAMBIA, ZAIRE AND CONGO MINISTERS AND WILL BE WORKING FOR SUPPORT AMONG INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES FOR ZAMBIAN INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE PORTUGAL AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO COME TOGETHER FOR DISCUSSIONS IN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

4. LOCAL PRESS QUOTE MWAANGA AS SAYING DAR MEETING WILL REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS ON UNIFICATION OF AGOSTINHO NETO'S MPLA AND HOLDEN ROBERTO'S FNLA, BOTH OF WHOM INVITED TO DAR MEETING. MWAANGA INDICATED THAT PARTICIPANTS WOULD WORK FROM MANDATE OF 1972 OAU SUMMIT AT RABAT TO RECONCILE TWO ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

5. FROM DAR ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GOES TO KENYA REPORTEDLY TO DISCUSS KAUNDA-BANDA MEETING, FOLLOWED BY VISIT TO LIBERIA WITH MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT FROM PRESIDENT KAUNDA.

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